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Getting Cozy

Pitching coach takes over the team in place of deposed Bergman— **SEE SPORTS, A7**



ROCK ON!

Fla. Music Festival will make you blue in the face with glee — **SEE VARIETY, A9**



RELIGION

A GOOD OLD FASHION CHURCH TACKLIN'

A Massachusetts man would have gotten away with stealing a collection box from a church service, but the church parishioners tackled him, ripping off his mask and taking back the box. Clyde Bridges rushed into the church with a cigarette lighter shaped like a gun. He is now being held on \$200,000 bail.



PARENTHOOD

BEER: IT'S AUSTRALIAN FOR NEGLECT

An Australian man has been fined after he was pulled over in the city of Alice Springs. The police officer discovered that the man had buckled in a 30-can case of beer with a seat belt, but had left his 5-year-old child sitting in the floorboard of the back seat. The officer said he had never before seen a case where beer took the priority over a child.



AROUND CAMPUS, A2

GAPS TO BE BRIDGED BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND HOMOSEXUALITY

The Office of Diversity Initiatives is hosting a workshop of discussions to bridge the gap between modern Christian denominations and those who are homosexual. The meeting will be today at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom I.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

ARREST MADE IN PALM BAY ARSON CASE AS FIRES BLAZE NEARBY

Police say they've arrested a man who was seen sparking a small blaze in a town on Florida's Atlantic coast where wildfires have already gutted homes. Police say a man threw a glass bottle containing an accelerant into the woods early Wednesday.

NATION & WORLD, A4

DAMAGE TO CRUCIAL DAM COULD STOP EARTHQUAKE AID

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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HIGH LOW

Colbourn burglarized on exam week

Students' personal information among stolen items

STEPHANIE DE SOUSA
Contributing Writer

The UCF Police Department is investigating two burglaries, both involving grand thefts in Colbourn Hall, occurring between April 24 and 28.

Faculty and staff said that laptops, flash drives with students' Social Security num-

bers, a projector and several sets of keys were stolen.

"One of the items taken was a flash drive that contained student information, including Social Security numbers for about 50 students," said Chad Binette, assistant director of UCF News and Information. "All of the students were notified of the incident, and police

are not aware of any of the data being used inappropriately."

Departments across the fourth floor and fifth floor of Colbourn Hall were broken into, including history, English, women's studies and African American studies.

All of the students whose information was on the drive stolen from the history

department were graduate students.

Andrew Kinsell, a graduate history student and graduate assistant, said he did not receive the e-mail from the graduate history department until days after the thefts were reported.

"I'm upset that it took them four days to tell me that my Social Security number was stolen," Kinsell said.

The e-mail, sent May 1, encouraged students to

"change your passwords of your e-mail accounts, as well as your bank passwords."

Binette also said that students should monitor their credit reports regularly, and that the university will be sending them a follow-up e-mail about how to protect themselves from identity theft.

Anjella Warnshuis, program assistant for African

PLEASE SEE **UCF** ON A5

OUR ROOTS GROW DEEP

A Colorado forest will bear the UCF name

ERIC WOODARD
Contributing Writer

UCF will be named in association with a forest of 100,000 trees, thanks to the sales of used textbooks.

UCF was awarded the privilege in April after students submitted the most votes during a contest as part of the "Buy a Book, Build a Forest" campaign sponsored by College Book & Supply in conjunction with the Arbor Day Foundation.

On April 25, Alaina Bernard, assistant director of the UCF Arboretum, accepted a check for \$100,000 from the Nebraska Book Company, the parent company of CB&S, on behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, the organization planting the forest.

"I was accepting it on behalf of Mother Earth," Bernard said.

Martin Quigley, director of the UCF Arboretum, said \$100,000 is a significant amount of money for a tree planting effort.

"Tree seedlings are cheap," Quigley said. "It costs pennies per pine seedling to actually produce the tree, which means you could spend a lot of money on other things that have to be done that are less tangible than the trees themselves."

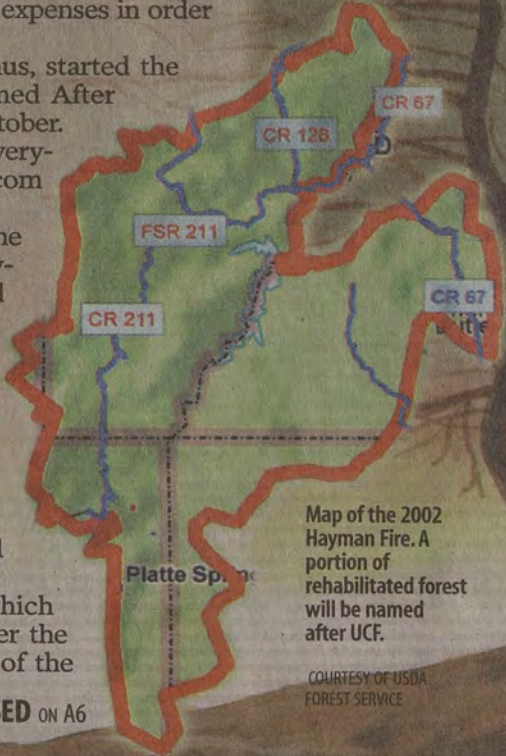
Quigley said a thorough planting effort involves land preparation, machine rentals, fertilizing and weeding expenses in order to be restorative to the natural habitat.

Last fall, Michael Garmon, a UCF alumnus, started the Facebook group "UCF Needs a Forest Named After Them" when the voting contest began last October. Everybody in the group rallying anyone and everyone to vote for UCF on www.buildaforest.com made it possible, he said.

"When we started out we weren't even in the top 10," Garmon said. "A week later, after everybody voting ... we caught up pretty quick and ended up with a couple hundred thousand votes, so we were pretty far ahead of everybody else."

During the contest, UCF, along with other schools across the country, voted to plant the new trees in one of three national forests: Flathead National Forest in Northwest Montana, Huron-Manistee National Forest in Northern Michigan or Pike and San Isabel National Forest in Central Colorado.

Pike and San Isabel National Forest, which needs more than 130,000 acres replanted after the Hayman Fire of 2002, won with 52 percent of the



Map of the 2002 Hayman Fire. A portion of rehabilitated forest will be named after UCF.

COURTESY OF USDA FOREST SERVICE

PLEASE SEE **USED** ON A6

Medical school makes history

Full scholarships offered to students

ROBYN SIDERSKY
Staff Writer

The UCF College of Medicine made history this year — each of the 40 students in its inaugural class will receive full scholarships for their medical school career.

"It gives them tremendous options to practice areas and specialties that they might not have if they had the debt," said Chip Roberts, vice president of development for the College of Medicine.

The past year has been a busy one for the College of Medicine — from gaining preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee of Medical Education to finding donors to support its entire first class.

Dean Deborah German has led the way, breaking ground on many new projects with the medical school.

Each student in the first class will receive a scholarship that entitles them to \$40,000 per year — \$20,000 for tuition and \$20,000 for living expenses — for four years.

The first major task, earning preliminary accreditation, was accomplished in February, which allowed the medical school to move forward with all of its plans.

"I am totally and completely delighted by our success," German said in February. "Last month, we were building a medical school. This month, we are a medical school."

The success was celebrated at a themed party, where all who attended toasted to the

PLEASE SEE **DONORS** ON A6

Looking to wrap UCF up

DONALD THOMANN
Staff Writer

Despite relatively low numbers in a small pilot study conducted by the National College Health Association on the health and habits of UCF students, university health professionals said that they still have a long way to go in regards to sexual health among students.

Low numbers aside, UCF health officials are planning on using the results of the pilot study to implement larger sexual health changes and policies at UCF. Peter Mas-

troianni, assistant director for health promotion at the Wellness Center, hopes to use the results of this preliminary study as the basis for a much larger, university-wide study along the same criteria.

"Until then," Mastroianni said, "I think we can use the results we have now to help us focus on some of the broad, general concerns regarding students' sexual practices."

The pilot study found that only 1 percent of students reported having chlamydia, under 1 percent reported having gonorrhea, 5.1

percent reported having genital warts/human papillomavirus and 0.7 percent reported having HIV. In addition, 81 percent of the students reported having only one or absolutely no sexual partners with-

PLEASE SEE **CONDOM** ON A6

AMANDA MOORE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Bridging gap in modern Christianity

The Office of Diversity Initiatives is hosting a workshop of discussions to bridge the gap between modern Christianity and homosexuality.

The emphasis is on the many denominations of the Christian faith. It takes place today in Room 316C of the Student Union from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 407-823-6479.

Evaluation meetings for teachers

The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning is helping evaluate teaching strategies in courses.

The meeting is today in Classroom Building 1 Room 207 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information, call 407-823-3544.

CREOL science summer camp starts

The College of Optics and Photonics' yearly summer camp for youngsters is about to begin.

The camp, which has themed groups like Myth Busting, focuses on science, mathematics and technology. It offers courses for grades three through 12.

For more information, call 407-823-6890.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Man seen starting a small fire in area already suffering from flames

PALM BAY — Police said they've arrested a man who was seen sparking a small blaze in a town on Florida's Atlantic coast where wildfires have gutted homes.

Palm Bay Police Chief Bill Berger said 31-year-old Brian Crowder threw a glass bottle containing an accelerant into the woods early Wednesday.

Berger said officers tracked Berger through the woods with the help of residents who spotted him running past their homes.

Crowder has been charged with six probation violations and authorities are waiting to question him about the wildfires that have ravaged Brevard County since the weekend. The fires have burned 40 homes and an area of roughly 15 square miles.

Officials said efforts to contain the blaze are improving.

Fifth arrest in the case of NFL star Sean Taylor's murder in Miami

MIAMI — A fifth person was charged Wednesday in the slaying of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor, an official with the prosecutor's office said.

Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office spokesman Ed Griffith said Timothy Brown, 16, was charged with first-degree murder under a sealed warrant.

Brown was arrested in Lee County around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday while standing near

PLEASE SEE **LOCAL** ON A4

Meet the FUTURE

We are pleased to introduce you to the new summer 2008 *Central Florida Future* staff editors. Some of us are new-faces, and some of us have been around the office for awhile. You can expect to find us on newsstands every Monday and Thursday during the summer semester. It is our collective goal to bring to you, our readers, the most timely and accurate information from the UCF area. Enjoy!



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EXPERIENCE: CFF staff writer, opinions editor

DESTINATION: Washington, D.C.

HOBBY: Cooking

IN YOUR IPOD: Streetlight Manifesto's

Somewhere in the Between

PERSONAL MOTTO: "The dude abides."



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HOBBY: Reading, playing with my dogs, laying outside, braiding my hair, loving, living life

IN YOUR IPOD: Mum, Radiohead, Bright Eyes

PERSONAL MOTTO: "Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty. The obedient must be slaves."



POSITION: News Editor

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EXPERIENCE: CFF staff writer, *Seminole Chronicle* reporter, *Florida Today* reporter

DESTINATION: The Smokey Mountains

HOBBY: *Guitar Hero*, event planning and eating

IN YOUR IPOD: Bon Jovi

PERSONAL MOTTO: "Dance like no one's watching, work like you don't need the money, love like you've never been hurt and frat hard!"



POSITION: Opinions Editor

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MAJOR, MINOR, YEAR: Interpersonal and organizational communication major, political science and Spanish minor, sophomore

EXPERIENCE: CFF staff writer

DESTINATION: Greece

HOBBY: Reading, working out, laughing

IN YOUR IPOD: Frank Sinatra

PERSONAL MOTTO: "You've got to screw up to move up."

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IN YOUR IPOD: Dragonforce

PERSONAL MOTTO: "Work hard, play hard."



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EXPERIENCE: CFF staff writer, *Seminole Chronicle* intern

DESTINATION: Mars (or Ireland)

HOBBY: Reading and watching Food Network

IN YOUR IPOD: Dresden Dolls, Coheed and Cambria

PERSONAL MOTTO: "Honesty's more fun than lying."



POSITION: Photo Editor

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EXPERIENCE: CFF staff writer, *Orlando Business Journal* intern, *Zephyrhills News* intern

DESTINATION: Morocco or Thailand

HOBBY: Scrapbooking and belly dancing

IN YOUR IPOD: Ladytron, Radiohead, VNV Nation

PERSONAL MOTTO: "I work from awkwardness ... If I stand in front of something, instead of arranging it, I arrange myself."



POSITION: Sports Editor

NAME: Brian Murphy

MAJOR, MINOR, YEAR: Journalism major, psychology minor, senior

EXPERIENCE: CFF staff writer, sports intern at the *Long Beach Press-Telegram*

DESTINATION: Los Angeles, Calif.

HOBBY: Watching, reading, breathing sports

IN YOUR IPOD: Nirvana

PERSONAL MOTTO: "Peace, love, empathy."

LOCAL WEATHER



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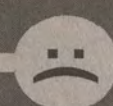
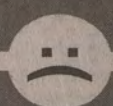
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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

an intersection, Sheriff's Office spokesman Tony Schall said. He was awaiting transport to Miami-Dade County, where police said they would issue a statement later Wednesday.

Court documents and police reports had previously suggested five people were involved in Taylor's death, but only four were originally charged.

Taylor, 24, died of massive blood loss after he was shot at his Miami-area home in November during a botched robbery. A trial for the four Fort Myers-area suspects is scheduled for Aug. 25.

Richard Sharpstein, a Miami defense attorney who has acted as spokesman for the Taylor family, expressed gratitude Wednesday for authorities' work on the case.

"The family is thankful that the investigation continues and that all individuals responsible for Sean's death meet harsh justice," he said.

Sharpstein said he could not speak about the facts of the case because of a gag order.

Grandfather arrested for alleged sexual assault of granddaughter

CITRA — Authorities say a 63-year-old central Florida man forced his granddaughter to have sex with him in a cemetery.

Obie Robinson is charged with domestic sexual battery. Investigators believe he had been sexually assaulting the girl since she was seven years old. Her current age is not known.

Robinson also allegedly told the girl on the drive home he needed her help to stop.

He's being held in the Marion County Jail. Jail officials have no information on a lawyer for him.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

\$47 million budget cuts leads to layoffs at University of Florida

GAINESVILLE — The University of Florida's governing body unanimously approved \$47 million in budget cuts Wednesday that will result in reducing enrollment and laying off some faculty.

The Board of Trustees largely approved the plan released last week by President Bernie Machen and made only minor changes during a telephone conference call meeting.

The proposal calls for laying off about 20 faculty members and 118 staffers, leaving 290 empty positions unfilled, reducing research and reducing enrollment by 1,000 students a year for four years.

At Machen's request, the trustees made some changes to the \$5.9 million reduction to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Instead of eliminating some doctoral programs, the university will prevent new admissions in the next three years. It also reduces the number of layoffs from 17 staff and 16 faculty to 13 staff and 10 faculty, two of whom are visiting professors.

None of those being laid off are tenured faculty members.

The resolution approved Wednesday allows Machen to make some changes to the proposal over the next 60 days as long as they don't affect revenue.

UF's general revenue budget is \$69 million less than it was a year ago. That includes \$22 million in cuts made in October by the Legislature and \$47 million made by lawmakers for the coming year.

Student Carlos Torres complained to the trustees during Wednesday's meeting about the decision to eliminate \$580,000 in funding for the UF Documentary Institute in the College of Journalism and Communications. School officials have said they hope to fund it through private donations. The institute is a two-year graduate program to teach students to produce films.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines from around the globe



Firemen carry a student who was buried at a school building in Beichuan County, northeast of the epicenter, near Sichuan. The official death toll is at 12,000.

Damages to dam worry rescue workers after China earthquake

HANWANG, China — Thousands of Chinese soldiers rushed on Wednesday to repair a dam badly cracked by the country's massive earthquake, while rescuers arrived for the first time in the epicenter of the disaster.

China's top economic planning body said that the quake had damaged 391 mostly small dams. It left "extremely dangerous" cracks in the Zipingpu Dam upriver from the earthquake-hit city of Dujiangyan and some 2,000 soldiers were sent to repair the damage, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Xinhua said Dujiangyan would be "swamped" if major problems emerged at the dam.

Rescuers who hiked in to the epicenter scoured flattened mountain villages for thousands of missing and buried victims, and the death toll of nearly 15,000 appeared likely to soar far higher.

Help also began to arrive by helicopter in some of the hardest-to-reach areas, where some victims trapped for more than two days under collapsed buildings were still being pulled out alive. But the enormous scale of the devastation meant that resources were stretched thin, and makeshift aid stations and refugee centers were springing up over the disaster area the size of Belgium.

Leveled hospitals forced doctors and nurses to treat survivors in the street. Helicopters dropped food and medicine to isolated towns. Mourners burned money before rows of bodies, believing their lost relatives could use it in the afterlife.

Study shows growing number of people only use cell phones

WASHINGTON — For nearly three in 10 households, don't even bother trying to call them on a landline phone. They either only have a cell phone or seldom if ever take calls on their traditional phone.

The federal figures, released Wednesday, showed that reliance on cells is continuing to rise at the expense of wired telephones. In the second half of last year, 16 percent of households only had cell phones, while 13 percent also had landlines but got all or nearly all their calls on their cells.

The number of wireless-only households grew by 2 percent since the first half of last year. Underscoring the rapid growth, in early 2004 just 5 percent had only cell phones.

Households with cell phones who rarely if ever use their landlines grew by 1 percent since the first half of last year.

Such families often either have their landline hooked exclusively to a computer or rely so heavily on their cells that they ignore landline calls because they are probably from telephone solicitors, said Stephen Blumberg, senior scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and an author of the report.

The trends have an important impact on polling organizations, which rely chiefly on calls to random landline phone numbers. Calling cell phone users can be more costly for pollsters, in part because federal law forbids unsolicited calls to cell phones made by computerized dialing systems used heavily by pollsters.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tornados have caused lasting damage in Oklahoma town

PICHER, Okla. — State and federal officials toured this tornado-ravaged town and essentially drilled the final nail into its coffin.

Any financial aid sent to the 800-person community, they said, will only help people relocate, not rebuild in the same area where a government buyout of homes is already under way.

"Rebuilding here is not going to be a real option," Gov. Brad Henry said Tuesday. The storm will likely hasten, rather than delay, the buyout process, he said.

Saturday's tornado leveled 114 homes and was responsible for seven deaths in Picher, a fading lead and zinc mining town in far northeastern Oklahoma. The severe weather killed another 20 people in the Plains and the Southeast.

The tornado struck the heart of a federal Superfund site, an area beset with mine collapses, open shafts, acid water and mountains of lead-contaminated waste. The government has been buying out residents' homes.

The Environmental Protection Agency has begun testing to determine whether the tornado scattered enough mining waste to raise lead levels in the air and soil in the 800-person town, which was once a thriving hub of 20,000 people in Ottawa County.

The tornado damage also ultimately could hurry the closure of the region's school district, where enrollment has dropped precipitously in recent years. The Picher-Cardin district, which has 99 students in kindergarten through 12th grade, nearly closed before this school year.

Another storm moves toward an already hurt Myanmar

YANGON, Myanmar — Another powerful storm headed toward Myanmar's cyclone-devastated delta on Wednesday and the U.N. warned that inadequate relief efforts could lead to a second wave of deaths among the estimated 2 million survivors.

The country's junta told visiting Thai Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej, however, that it is in control of the relief operations and doesn't need foreign experts.

Samak visited a government relief center in Yangon and told reporters after returning to Bangkok that the junta has given him the "guarantee" that there are no disease outbreaks and no starvation among the cyclone survivors.

International agencies say bottlenecks, poor logistics, limited infrastructure and the military government's refusal to allow foreign aid workers have left most of the delta's survivors living in miserable conditions without food or clean water. The government's efforts have been criticized as woefully slow.

The U.S. military's Joint Typhoon Warning Center said there is a good chance that "a significant tropical cyclone" will form within the next 24 hours and head across the Irrawaddy delta area.

The area was pulverized by Cyclone Nargis on May 3, leaving at least 34,273 dead and 27,838 missing, according to the government. The U.N. says the death toll could exceed 100,000.

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Contributing Writer

Rex Menor jumps from the old, wooden boardwalk behind the Student Union to the soft, earthy ground of the cypress dome. Menor, a criminal justice sophomore, feels at home among the 100-year-old cypress trees and ferns.

Menor said he enjoys visiting cypress domes and other types of swamps because it reminds him of his past summers when he spent time as a camp counselor teaching children about wildlife in the Everglades. He also enjoys the visits because of his love for the environment.

On this quiet Sunday afternoon, Menor watches as two white ibises dive their heads into the retention pond as the soft-shell turtles swim past. He listens as the bullfrogs croak loudly in the distance. He laughs as the eastern grey squirrels scurry past him and rummage through garbage cans, hoping to find the remnants of a half-eaten sandwich or cheeseburger that students passing through the swamp might have left behind.

"I just love the squirrels on campus," Menor said. "They're extra aggressive."

But eastern grey squirrels are not the only animals living on UCF's campus. There are more than 45 species living on campus and some, like the gopher tortoise, which is currently listed as a threatened species west of the Mobile River in Alabama, are

close to becoming endangered.

In addition to the animals, there are 800 acres of preserved, natural wetlands and forests on campus, which the 12-member staff of the Environmental Center is in charge of maintaining. The cypress dome behind the Student Union is one of two cypress domes the campus has vowed to protect. It is perhaps the best known because of the wooden boardwalk that juts across it, offering students an alternative way to travel from the union to other facilities.

"I love walking through [the cypress dome] on my way to class," political science senior Shay Kearney said. "It's the most beautiful place on campus."

Other swamps on campus are not as frequented as the Union's cypress dome. Hidden away in the northwestern parcel on campus is a large marsh surrounded by a titi strand. Titi strands are not commonly found as far south as Central Florida. This marsh is so well hidden by vegetation that only the residents of the nearby Tower apartments may be able to see it from the top floors.

Overall, there are currently 17 different types of ecological habitats on campus. Some of the most common types are basin swamps, the cypress domes, scrub lands, mesic flat woods and sink-hole lakes. These natural areas contribute greatly to the environment at UCF. Not only do they provide food



CREOL Pond shines in the sunlight on the northern part of the UCF campus. The water from the pond may soon become drinking water for Central Florida, if lawmakers tap into the St. Johns.

and shelter to several endemic plant and animal species, but they also manage storm water run-off and filter pollutants and other hazardous chemicals out of water.

"That's the cool thing about wetlands," Lisa McCauley, UCF's Environmental Center's geographic information systems specialist said. "They suck up all the

bad stuff."

But these wetlands face the possible danger of being destroyed by man-made buildings.

The prime land to build on at UCF is called scrub land. And because scrub land is upland habitat, it is prime land to develop, making it one of the most endangered habitats. On campus today there are only three parcels of scrub land left.

"Uplands are the most targeted habitat for development since they are high and dry. Once developed, the hydrology usually changes, altering the water levels in marshes/swamps, forcing species to die and be replaced by upland species," Alaina Bernard, the Environmental Center's assistant director, said.

According to Bernard, preserving the protected land is extremely beneficial. Bernard thinks that every student should care about preserving these habitats because of the strong, positive impact they have on the environment.

"We should care about these habitats because they are vital in holding water runoff from nearby habitats and they

have very specific species — such as pitcher plants, salamanders and orchids — that would perish if wetlands were destroyed," Bernard said.

The water in the natural areas is of great importance as well. Water found in the swamps may soon become the water that the UCF population will drink. Seventy-five percent of storm water runoff on campus drains directly into the wetlands, then into the CREOL pond, then travels to the Econlockhatchee River before finally flowing into the St. Johns River.

According to an Orlando Sentinel article, there has been recent debate over whether or not to tap the St. Johns River as a source of drinking water in the future due to Central Florida's growing demand on water. But if lawmakers decide to tap into its resources, the water in the CREOL pond could ultimately become the water that students and faculty drink, although there has been strong opposition to the plan by environmentalists.

"We are connected to a lot of things," Orlando Genao, the Environmental Center's assistant land manager said. "If we

don't take care of our water now, we won't be able to take care of it in the future."

Students hoping to become better acquainted with the campus' natural wetlands and forests can start by visiting the Environmental Center and their botanical gardens.

A lesser-known nature trail, located in the northeastern part of campus, is also provided by the Environmental Center and is available for students to hike or ride bikes on. The nature trail, which is surrounded by several pond pine trees, is called home by many native animals, including the elusive wild deer.

Weaved throughout the nature trail is a disc-golf course, which gives students a chance to learn about the environment with informational signs provided at each hole on the course. Disc-golf is played by throwing a frisbee-like disc into a metal basket.

All of the campus' protected lands are free and open to the public. The Environmental Center encourages students and faculty to enjoy the natural habitats as much as possible. For more information, visit UCF's Environmental Center.

UCF PD still investigating

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American studies and women's studies, said she first heard about the thefts when she received a call from her boss on Saturday, April 26, asking Warnshuis if she had a laptop that was missing.

When Warnshuis went to return the power supply for another laptop to its bag, she noticed that the computer was not in the bag and had also been stolen, along with the key to her office.

"I thought it was odd. The materials that were stolen were old," she said, describing the laptops as 2001 and 2004 models. "We've learned a lot about locking stuff away now."

Warnshuis said the locks on her office door were changed the next day and

metal plates had been ordered for the doors to prevent someone from prying them open.

"It takes away that sense of security," said Sharon Body, program assistant for the English department down the hall from Warnshuis.

Body walked in Monday, April 28, and noticed the main door to the English department had been broken into, as well as the file cabinets in the lobby. Her keys were missing as well.

Since the incidents, Body has hidden her keys, and would like to see other changes made in the building.

"I'd like a different kind of lock system on these doors, maybe even metal doors. I think they're harder to break into," Body said. "It'd be great if they

could re-key the whole building," said Amelia Lyons, assistant professor of history. She said she understands that it's a little difficult with the budget cuts.

Lyons had a laptop and a projector, similar to those mounted on the ceilings of classrooms, stolen from her office.

Since UCF PD is still investigating, it is unknown how much property was taken, or how much it was all worth. It is also unknown if any major changes have been made to the building's security.

For more information about identity theft and protection, UCF PD encourages any students, faculty or staff to visit their Web site, www.police.ucf.edu, and click on Crime Prevention.

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Condom-access program in works

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in the last school year, compared to a national study conducted by the NCHA, in which 74 percent had one or no sexual partners.

The birth control pill, for instance, has been proven clinically to be more than 99 percent effective in preventing unwanted pregnancy. However, many sexually-active female students are not completely comfortable with tampering with their hormones, as birth control has also been tied to weight gain, sporadic periods and mood swings.

"More importantly," said Mastroianni, "birth control doesn't protect against the spread of infection. Whether or not you and your partner are using birth control, consider using male condoms as a preventative measure from STDs, otherwise you're not even covering half of the dangers."

To that end, the health department has been working on a campus-wide ad campaign to promote condom use, using posters placed throughout the university, offering educational workshops and providing free condoms.

But, when compared to the results of the NCHA national study, using the same criteria as the UCF pilot study, it was found that the average number of students using condoms at UCF fell surprisingly short of the national average.

Whether this is simply the result of a small sample remains unclear. Nevertheless, health officials are pushing for greater condom promotion in the coming academic year.

"We are hoping to create an expanded condom access program this year," Mastroianni said. "Obviously there are



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A National College Health Association study found that the number of UCF students using condoms was low. UCF plans to implement a condom-access program this year.

places where you can get free condoms already. We would also like to start a system where we could sell packs of condoms — brand name condoms — at cost with no profit."

Another of the concerns among health officials is the common and dangerous sexual habit, which is practiced by a large number of students, that Health Director Dr. Michael Deichen has dubbed "serial monogamy."

Obviously, it is important, if only for health's sake, to be with only one partner, but students often jump from relationship to relationship multiple times in a single year, which increases the risk of catching and spreading an infection.

"I think a lot of times there's a certain naivete that their boyfriend or girlfriend won't give them a STD," Deichen said. "Often they think that they're monogamous when in fact it's really serial monogamy they're practicing, having a series of partners one at a time.

Then they tend to let down their guard and not use barrier methods."

With such practices also comes the enormously high risk for women of contracting the human papillomavirus, or HPV, a sexually transmitted virus easily contracted by simple skin-to-skin contact.

"Up to 50 percent of women may become infected with HPV," Deichen said. "For women, it's what can lead to cervical cancer, and for men and women it can lead to venereal warts."

"Fortunately, Gardasil works well in preventing the two common strains that lead to cancer or warts. We ask every new patient yearly if they've had the vaccine or would be interested in it."

Many students utilize the health center for pregnancy and STD testing, but health professionals agree that there is certain reluctance for a lot of students in using the center, and it's not always out of embarrassment.

In the past, confidentiality has been a source of disinclination; students avoid seeking medical attention for fear that the visits will appear on insurance statements or medical bills sent to their parents. More often, students simply can't afford the medical bills for testing and treatment of an STD, especially if their insurance is inadequate.

"Some of the procedures or treatments can certainly be costly almost anywhere you go," Mastroianni said, "So we try to keep prices lower at the UCF health services and we try to direct students to the best places for inexpensive medical care."

For instance, students can get most common STD testing, such as testing for chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, for free at government health clinics. Also, the health center at UCF offers HIV testing for \$15, but won't turn students away who can't afford it.

With a large-scale study planned for fall 2008, prompted by the pilot study reported last year, UCF health officials hope to gain a better understanding of the overall sexual health of UCF students. Such an understanding would give them clear-cut areas of focus for future sexual health campaigns, as well as highlight effective practices already in place.

"But regardless of what's on charts or in survey results," Mastroianni said, "you need to use condoms every time, even if you are using another form of birth control. So many students make the mistake of protecting themselves from pregnancy but not disease, or vice versa, so make sure to protect yourself from it all."

Used textbooks go easier on the Earth

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vote, weighted as a percentage of each school's enrollment. The best time to plant the trees, Quigley said, would be in late fall or early next spring.

David Fox, general manager of CB&S, who presented the check to Bernard, said that used textbooks make life easier not only for students and professors, but for booksellers like CB&S.

"That's part of the corporate philosophy and part of the local store philosophy to do whatever we can to help stretch the resources we have," Fox said.

The future of the "Buy a Book, Build a Forest" campaign and the forest will be known by the end of summer, Fox said.

The contest capitalizes on the fact that students are more likely to buy used textbooks instead of new editions. To raise awareness, a portion of the money used to buy or sell used textbooks is donated to the Arbor Day Foundation.

"The idea is that if you're going to produce new books all the time, you've got to cut down an enormous amount of resources to get the paper and the cardboard to print those books," Fox said. "I think the students are already aware of it; we need to make the faculty aware of it."

John Meyer, textbook manager for CB&S, said that frequent rollover to new editions by publishers can have a negative effect on business.

"I know that when people come in and all they see is 'new,' people are going to shop around and they probably won't find it locally," Meyer said.

One of the tricks of the textbook publishing industry is known as "built-in obsolescence," a method of ensuring a zero buy-back value for bundles of textbooks and materials. Books such as these come with quiz pages and worksheets to be torn out, one-time use Web access discs and covers with school-personalized embossments.

"The whole reason that's in there is to make it harder for us to buy it back and harder for us to sell it," Meyer said.

However, the success of the "Buy a Book, Build a Forest" campaign is an indication of hope for business models aimed at protecting the environment as well as turning a profit in the publishing industry.

The Green Press Initiative is a nonprofit organization that works to reduce the negative impact the printing and publishing industry have on the



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Here's a map of the 2002 Hayman Fire, the largest in Colorado history, the USDA Forest Service has said. UCF's trees will go here.

environment. The GPI has done research to show that 42 percent of readers would pay a dollar more to have books printed on environmentally-responsible paper.

Erin Johnson, associate director of the GPI, said at this stage in policy development and implementation within the industry, most revenue gains are in savings.

"Making money would come as a result of growing awareness by readers that book pricing must reflect true use of resources and pay for it," Johnson said in an e-mail interview.

Quigley would like to partner with the university's business, economics and sociology departments sometime next year to organize a curriculum for a multi-disciplinary course on resource management at UCF.

"You can talk about the biology and ecology all you want, but people have to want to do it and somebody has to come up with the money," Quigley said. "It has to be a perceived social need before it's going to happen."

At a minimum, 100,000 trees will replenish 746 of Pike and San Isabel's missing acres, but David Fox said the biggest goal of the campaign is getting the message to the people with the most power to change.

"We don't pick the books, the professors do," Fox said. "If we can get the message through to just one professor to please stop adopting new editions or, maybe if you're in the habit of adopting a new one every year, maybe skip and do it every other year."

Quigley said that in his teaching experience, updating textbooks every year is generally unnecessary, even in the study of biology.

"There is almost no need for any textbook to be rewritten within five years," Quigley said, "unless something radically changes; something really fundamental shifts."

Donors to participate in white coat ceremony

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achievement with test tubes that served as wine glasses.

Each donor to the inaugural class will have the special privilege of participating in the white coat ceremony with the College of Medicine. The white coat ceremony is significant because it takes place on the first day of medical school when the students receive their white doctor's coats.

"We hope the donors and students will have a nice amount of interaction," Roberts said.

The College of Medicine will sit on 50 acres of land in Lake Nona, southwest of UCF's main campus.

The medical school has teamed up with several major forces in the medical world

for its "medical city."

The Burnham Institute for Medical Research, Nemours Children's Hospital, a Veteran's Administration Hospital and M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Institute will also be in Lake Nona as part of the medical city, spanning more than 50 acres.

The Burnham Institute will have a 175,000-square-foot building that will have a two-story administrative wing and a three-story research wing, which will seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

"For one thing, those interested in life sciences or medicine, the building is going to create enormous opportunities," said John Reed, president and CEO of the Burnham Institute. "Hopefully, we'll

encourage lots of student careers in research."

The Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences will also be in the medical city, in a five-story, 195,000-square-foot building. The College of Medicine will be in a 173,000-square-foot, four-story building with a state-of-the-art medical library.

"When the biomedical college was conceived in response to the gift from the Burnetts, it was envisioned as being a building block for the medical school," said Terry Hickey, provost and executive vice president of Academic Affairs.

The land was donated by Rasesh Thakkar and Tavistock Group, one of the College of Medicine's major founders. Thakkar is a UCF alumnus.

The College of Medicine can now start recruiting students for its first class, who will begin their medical education in fall 2009. The school will begin accepting applications for admission on June 1.

"I think from the med school to this point has been so focused and so careful to give attention to the needs of the students," Roberts said. "Just to see the amount of detail and how to make the time in medical school memorable, and also to make it as productive as possible, to make it the best possible future physicians."

The UCF College of Medicine is the first school in history to offer an entire class of students scholarships, according to the American Association of Medical Schools.

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BASEBALL



Fifteen felonies is the new count on Bonds

Barry Bonds was charged in a new indictment Tuesday with 15 felony counts alleging he lied to a grand jury when he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs and that he hampered the federal government's doping investigation.

Major League Baseball's career home run leader originally was indicted in November by a federal grand jury on four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice.

On Tuesday, a grand jury handed up a superseding indictment charging Bonds with 14 counts of making false declarations to a grand jury in 2003 and one count of obstruction of justice.

"Barry Bonds is innocent," the player's lead attorney, Allen Ruby, said. Ruby said Bonds will appear in court to plead not guilty to the new charges.

TENNIS



Henin retires from women's tennis

Justine Henin retired from tennis Wednesday, an abrupt ending to a short and successful career in which she won seven Grand Slam singles titles and leaves while ranked No. 1.

"I thought long about this," Henin said, her voice cracking and eyes watering. "I started thinking about it late last year. I was at the end of the road. I leave with my head held high."

Henin has been ranked No. 1 since Nov. 13, 2006, except for a seven-week period last year when Maria Sharapova held the top spot.

GOLF

Annika Sorenstam also calls it quits

Calling her decision one she'd "been thinking about for a while," Annika Sorenstam, whom many consider to be the greatest golfer in LPGA history, said Tuesday she will retire after the season. The 37-year-old Swede ends an LPGA Tour career in which she has won 72 tournaments to date and delivered a defining moment when she teed it up against the men on the PGA Tour.

"I have made a decision to step away from competitive golf after this season," she said. "Obviously this was a very difficult decision for me to make because I love this game so much. But it's the right one."

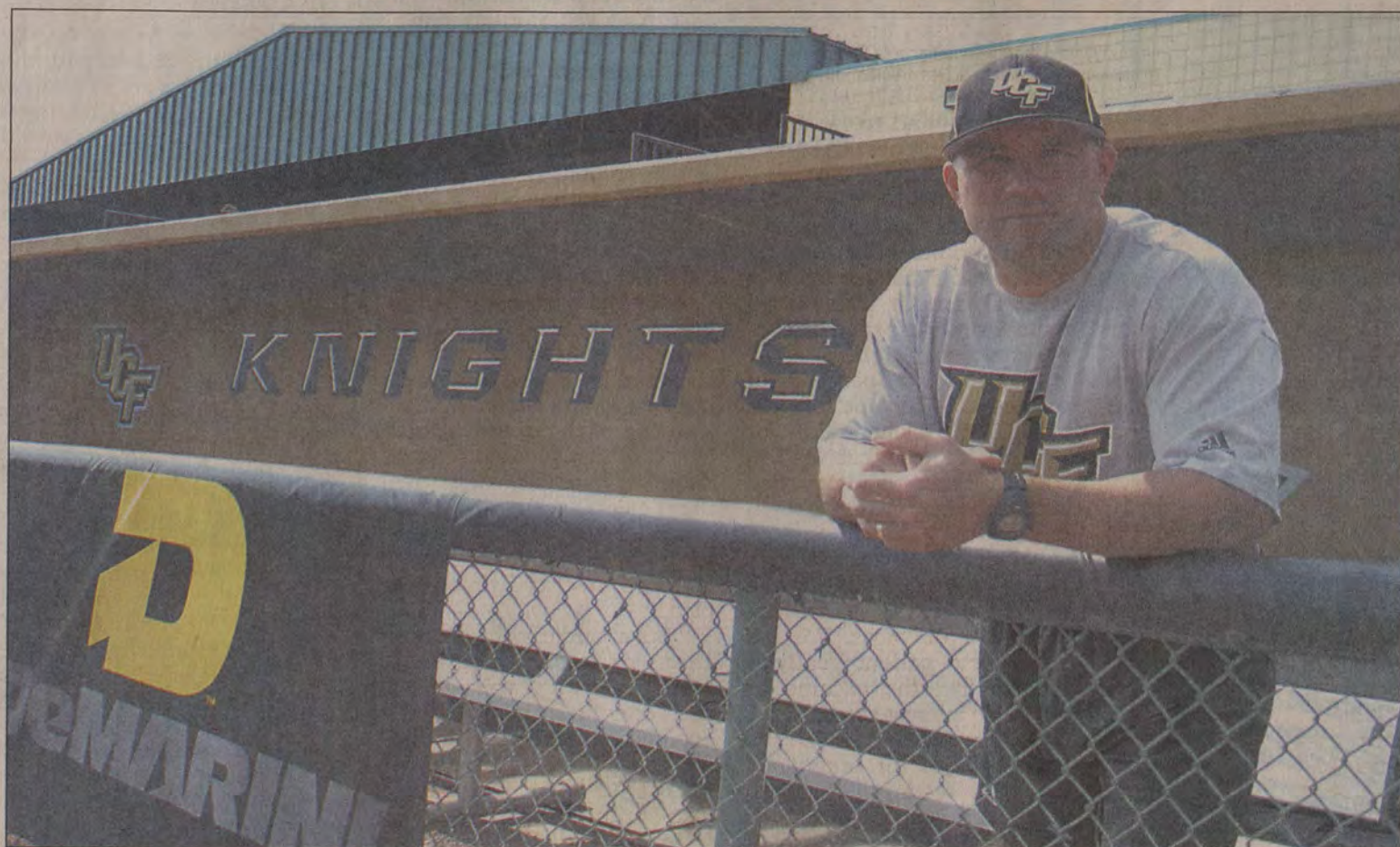
Her final event will be the Dubai Ladies Masters after the LPGA Tour season ends.

Tiger Woods called Sorenstam "the greatest female golfer of all time."

Sorenstam hinted at retirement the past several seasons, saying she wanted to devote more time to her growing business and to start a family.

"I've done a lot, and I am satisfied in a lot of things," Sorenstam said. "I've achieved so much more than I ever thought I could."

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TAKING
CHARGE

UCF Baseball interim head coach Craig Cozart just wants to look forward and focus on the rest of the season, not the controversy that surrounds his mentor and former UCF coach.

MEET BASEBALL'S
NEW HEAD COACH

BRIAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

On May 1, Craig Cozart was named UCF Baseball's head coach. It had been a moment that he had strived for since graduating from the university in 1996. He has spent his entire adult life as a part of the Knights — four years as a player and 12 more as a coach. Now, he had finally gotten his chance to lead them. It should have been a day to cherish, celebrate and remember.

Instead, it was just a footnote to one of the most controversial stories in UCF Athletics.

Cozart was named the Knights' interim head coach the same day that former head coach Jay Bergman was fired due to accusations of sexual harassment on baseball equipment manager Chris Ryhce. Immediately, Cozart was handed the responsibility of replacing his mentor, a man whose name is attached to the stadium that the Knights call home and one of the most successful baseball coaches in NCAA Division I history. Also, he needed to find a way to focus a team which still had 10 games remaining in its regular season and the goal of a conference championship.

"The weirdest thing was [May 5] walking in here and seeing Coach Bergman's door was open, but his furniture was gone," Cozart said. "You can imagine what effect that has. It's tough... But, you've got to focus on what you can control at this point, and the only thing we can control is what happens on the baseball field."

As a pitcher for the Knights from 1993-1996, Cozart led UCF in wins for two consecutive seasons in 1995 and 1996. Cozart finished his career second all-time in school history with 24 wins. He was drafted in the 45th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Atlanta Braves in 1995, and again in the 28th round by the San Francisco Giants in 1996, yet Cozart decided to forego the professional ranks to begin his coaching career.

He was a student assistant coach in 1997 before being given the role of full-time assistant coach in 1998. More specifically, Cozart was handed the duties of pitching coach. In that time, he has seen 21 pitchers whom he coached on the Knights drafted by Major League Baseball.

Cozart said that when word began to spread that something might happen to Bergman, he got very nervous due to the uncer-

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IN HIS PREVIOUS LIFE

Before being a part of the UCF Baseball coaching staff, he was a pitcher for the program from 1993-1996. He finished his career with the second-most wins and fourth-most strikeouts in the history of UCF.

PREPPING FOR THE PROS

Cozart has been the Knights' pitching coach since 1998 and has seen 21 pitchers that he coached end up as draft picks by Major League Baseball. In 2004, former Knight Matt Fox was drafted in the first round by the Minnesota Twins.

MORE FROM 2004

Under Cozart's guidance, Fox and Kyle Bono helped the Knights end the season with the nation's 10th-best earned run average.

FIRST OF MANY?

Cozart got his first win as a Division I head coach on May 4 with a 12-1 UCF victory at No. 27 Tulane. With the help of six runs in each of the first two innings, the Knights locked up their third win against a ranked opponent this season.

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ZACH PARDES
Staff Writer

The UCF Softball team is demanding respect, and respect is what it is getting.

After defeating No. 9 Houston 4-2 to claim a Conference USA Championship title on Saturday, the Knights are receiving some national recognition, acquiring a program-record 14 votes in the USA Today National Fastpitch Coaches' Association Division I Top-25 Poll. That number of votes put UCF at No. 29 in the nation.

Along with the new poll rankings, the Knights learned that they will face rival South Florida in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament at the Gainesville Regional on Friday.

Host and No. 1 overall seed Florida and Georgia Tech will also be making an appearance at the Gainesville Regional.

"It's exciting," UCF Softball head coach Renee Luers-Gillispie said. "I wish we had been sent someplace else besides going back up to Gainesville, though. But we haven't been able to play South Florida or Florida this year, so it's kind of a good setting for us to knock those two teams off."

UCF is 1-8 all-time against the Bulls, who knocked the Knights out of the 2005 Gainesville Regional.

The Knights secured its lone victory of the all-time series between the two teams in 2006 on a two-hit, 11-strikeout performance by pitcher Allison Kime. She will start against the Bulls.

"I think the girls will be ready for [USF] just because we haven't seen them in two

PLEASE SEE **UCF** ON A8

GREGORY TERRITO / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
The UCF Softball team will begin play in its first NCAA Tournament since 2005 on Friday. The Knights will begin tournament play against the South Florida Bulls.

UCF takes on Tigers in regular-season finale

RYAN BASS
Staff Writer

Coming into the final home-stand of the regular season, opposing scenarios lie on the line for the UCF Baseball team and its opponent, Clemson.

The Knights (31-22 overall, 8-16 in Conference USA) will open the weekend series looking to start a winning streak heading into next week's C-USA tournament while the Tigers look to keep an important streak alive.

Clemson, 27-25-1, needs to win the series, which takes place Thursday through Saturday at Jay Bergman Field, in order to extend its consecutive NCAA tournament appearances to 22 straight seasons. The Knights know that it's going to be a challenge if they want to be the ones that put an end to that streak.

"It's good that we get an opportunity to face a power team like that," outfielder Chadd Hartman said. "We feel we have a good chance and can



GREGORY TERRITO / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
UCF pitcher Mitch Houck had a rough Sunday against UAB. He allowed six runs in 1.2 innings. The Knights hope for less outings like Houck's this weekend versus Clemson.

put up a good game, just like we did against Rice [on April 25]. We're just going to come out and give it our best shot and see what we can do."

The Knights know they cannot afford to lose a game in the final series of regular season play. Last year, the Knights picked up two wins against Marshall during the last three games of the regular season,

but were blown out in the third game. That lackluster play carried into the tournament.

"We're not going to do what we did last year," interim head coach Craig Cozart said. "We're going to continue this momentum."

In order for UCF to go into the tournament on a winning streak, the starting rotation has to show some consistency over

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the final three games. UCF will need quality starts out of projected starters Kyle Sweat, Mitch Houck and Mitch Herold.

In his last two starts against Tulane and UAB, Sweat allowed 13 runs on 24 hits in eight innings of work.

Houck has also been inconsistent over his last two starts, throwing a complete game with no earned runs against Tulane and then giving up six runs and walking three batters in an inning and two-thirds against UAB.

Herold, on the other hand, allowed only three runs in two starts against Tulane and UAB, including a two-hit shutout over seven innings against the Blazers last weekend.

"We stressed [finishing the season strong] a lot," Cozart said. "The emphasis is definitely to continue to build. Even though it's the last series of the year, that doesn't mean you can't improve, and that's what we want to do. We want to be hitting on all cylinders, be confident and be feeling good."

In order to go into the conference tournament on a roll, the pitching staff will have to contain the Tigers' offense, which has averaged 14 runs over its last two ball games.

Part of that containment will have to include slowing down shortstop Stan Widmann, who is hitting .500 with six RBIs over his last two contests, including a multi-homer game his last time out against the College of Charleston.

Ben Paulsen, Wilson Boyd and Doug Hogan also need to be kept in check, as they have been the heart of the Tigers lineup this season. Paulsen, Boyd and Hogan have hit a

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UCF's success to hinge on star pitcher

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years," Luers-Gillispie said. "But I think it's just going to be a good tournament. I think that all four teams are going to have to have a dogfight out there to win it because everybody wants to go on."

The Knights earned an automatic bid into the post-season tournament after stellar performances by Kime and freshman Tiffany Lane against Houston.

Lane, who earned C-USA Tournament MVP, went 3-for-4 at the plate with a home run, two runs scored and two RBIs in the championship game. Her sixth inning, two-run shot helped secure the victory for UCF.

Luers-Gillispie said Lane could be an important player in the upcoming NCAA Tournament.

"Home runs are not what she usually does, but she'll put the ball in play, she'll get on base, she'll get a base hit

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One of Conference USA top pitchers, Kime allowed only three earned runs and recorded 24 strikeouts in 21 innings in the C-USA Championship.

here and there," Luers-Gillispie said. "But she's got the mentality where she loves that pressure. When the stakes are highest, she wants to be in that position. She's definitely a competitor."

Kime is perfectly suited to handle the pressure against USF, Luers-Gillispie said. Her work in the circle led to seven strikeouts and only one earned run against Houston in the championship game.

"She wants the ball, and she wants to put the pressure on her shoulders," Luers-Gillispie said. "She wants to be the one on that mound and the one to beat these teams. I wouldn't want anyone else out there."

Throughout the three-game trip through the C-USA Championship, the Knights hit for a .342 team batting average, a high mark they will have to try to replicate at the regional tournament if they are to be successful against offensive powerhouses, such as Florida.

"We're not a high-percent-age hitting team," Luers-Gillispie said. "If you look across the board, we don't go with a lot of home runs. We're not a big, solid hitting team, and we've kind of joked about this all year, but we're going to make things happen."

The Knights, who currently have a record of 46-18, need only one more win to match the program record

for wins in a season. The record was set in 2005, the first and only other year UCF earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Houston, Tulsa and East Carolina also earned bids to the NCAA tournament out of Conference USA. But the Knights expect to go a long way in the tournament, and their coach is expecting the most.

"I think [the team] can go all the way," Luers-Gillispie said. "It's going to be really tough getting past Florida because of their offensive strength. They're a very good-hitting team."

"You've got to play this game for the love of the game, and we did that against Houston. They need to go into this weekend with that same mentality, that same mindset of just having a blast out there, putting everything on the field and playing everything for what it's worth."

Knights will battle strong Tiger pitching

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combined 32 homers and have driven in 135 runs.

"It is nice to play a big-name school out of the ACC," outfielder Matt Lambert said. "We have been looking forward to it for a while."

On the other side of the diamond, the Knights will have to focus on scoring runs against Clemson's projected starters D.J. Mitchell, Graham Stoneburner and Ryan Hinson. Mitchell comes in with a record of 5-4 while boasting an ERA of 3.26 with 86 strikeouts, while Stoneburner brings a record of 5-4 to the mound. Hinson carries a mark of 2-5.

"We have a good opportu-

nity to play a quality opponent with three good starters to get us ready for the conference tournament," junior Mitch Herold said in a press release. "I am sure that their starters are as good as Conference USA starters."

Overall, the Knights are looking forward to a match up with one of the toughest teams in the country over the last 13 years. The Tigers are the fourth-winningest program over the span of 1994-2007 with 649 wins.

However, this season has been a struggle for the Tigers compared to their last. After winning 41 games in their 2007 campaign, Clemson has only 27 wins this year and has lost

five of its last eight and 17 of its last 27 contests. Despite the record, Cozart knows that any team from the ACC is a formidable opponent and that it will be a tough series to sweep, even though the Knights have a 3-2 all-time series lead.

"Honestly, any time you play a team from another major conference, you always like to get some comparison and see what things are like in other leagues," Cozart said. "We've known the coaching staff at Clemson for a long time. We've obviously played them and had success against them in the past. So, that's going to make it an interesting match up."

In their final Conference

USA regular season game on Sunday, the Knights failed to secure the final out of the inning in the second frame against UAB as they scored seven two-out runs en route to a 14-3 victory.

With a little help from Southern Miss, the Knights were able to secure the No. 7 spot in the C-USA tournament next weekend. The Golden Eagles stomped Memphis 13-0 to help UCF take sole possession of the seventh seed.

"We know that if we do let up against Clemson, we're just going to get destroyed," Hartman said. "I think this will be a really good shot to get us tuned up for [the C-USA Tournament]."

Cozart concerned with just baseball

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tainty of his own situation. Now, as the Knights head into their final regular-season series of 2008, he has tried to become accustomed to his new role quickly.

"Obviously, we miss [Bergman]," catcher Robert Lara said. "I love him to death, but [Cozart] is getting his shot. He's doing an excellent job. He's leading us, he's keeping us motivated."

The players have noticed a change in the dugout with the 34-year-old Cozart in charge. Even he will say that even though he was around Bergman for 16 years, their outlooks differ. He is not as old-school as the 69-year-old former coach.

"Myself and the remainder of our staff included were much more upbeat and optimistic," Cozart said. "Even when things go bad, I think we try to set a new goal for our team that inning or the very next pitch or the very next play and keep them moving forward."

On May 4, three days after Bergman's firing, the Knights kept moving forward as they went on the road and beat Tulane 12-1. Volunteer assistant coach Rich Wallace gave Cozart the game ball to signify his first win as a head coach, but Cozart said it wasn't something he thought about. He believes there will be a lot of game balls in his future as the Knights' head coach, even if the phrase "interim head coach" doesn't hold any job security beyond this season.

"In my mind, I'm going to be here next year," Cozart said. "I don't think there is anybody

"This team is capable of winning the conference championship, there is no doubt about it in my mind,"

— CRAIG COZART
INTERIM HEAD COACH

better for the job. I don't care who's out there because they don't know what's invested in here. They don't know the things that we've done here to lay the foundation. There are too many positive things going on here to say there needs to be a change in this staff."

But Cozart just concerns himself with the present and what he can do to help his team win. He said he enjoys every day he spends on the baseball field, and now it serves a double purpose as a sanctuary from the controversy surrounding the program.

Through it all, the Knights still have that one goal of being champions. They will head into next week's Conference USA Championship as the No. 7 seed. But seeding doesn't automatically determine a team's fate. Cozart firmly believes that he can take this program from what may be its lowest point to a seat high atop one of the strongest baseball conferences in the nation.

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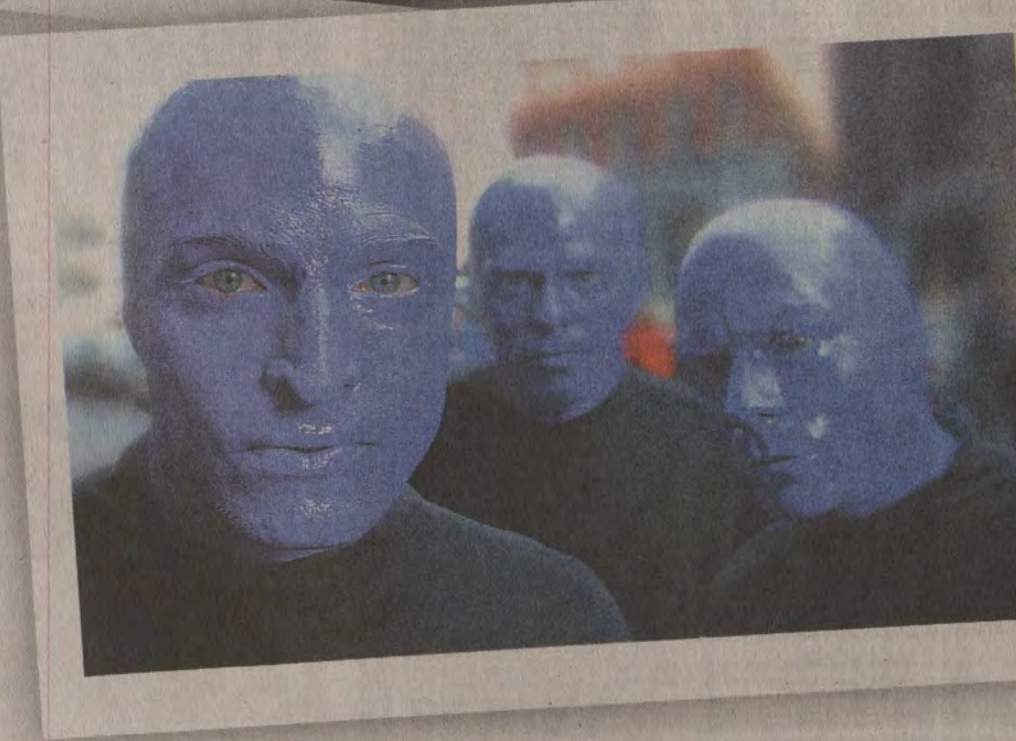
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AMANDA SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

Nothing kicks off summer better than a festival packed with music, art and film. What's even better is a festival that doesn't require driving a million miles to stand in some desolate field for a concert where your seats make the performers look like ants.

The seventh annual Florida Music Festival starts today and runs until Saturday, bringing you three nights of the most eclectic combination of various art mediums.

"You've seen four insane shows, fell in love with an indie rock chick, danced on stage with a country metal band and had enough Miller Lite to flood three blocks of downtown Orlando. And this is just the first night of FMF!" states the FMF Web site.

With a bill of 250 bands featuring Blue Man Group and Pras of The Fugees, this year's lineup won't disappoint. The participating venues span the length of downtown Orlando's stretch of bars and clubs, placing talented musicians and artists from every genre on the stages.

For those who have never experienced an FMF weekend, here's how it works.

A wrist band can be purchased at any of the venues, which will get you into any of the participating locations. You only pay once for admission, then hop from place to place. For the most part, the festival caters to the legal crowd, offering entrance to those 21 and up.

However, there are select venues that welcome the 18-and-up crowd with warm, open arms. As an added bonus, this year's festival will make history by featuring an all-ages event at Wall Street Plaza. At this all-ages event, the Blue Man Group performs the music portion of their theatrical get-up.

"Keeping with the eclectic nature of the summer festival circuit," states the FMF Web site, "the seventh annual Florida Music Festival announces the sensory overload of the Blue Man Group in a special, never-seen-before outdoor headlining performance."

The Blue Man Group's resident music director, Dave Traver, said he is excited about the FMF setup. Traver has overseen both the music at the Blue Man Group show at CityWalk and the music being performed at this year's festival.

When asked if he had any worries about the smaller stage for their show at Wall Street Plaza, Traver dismissed the idea, noting that he thinks there will be "more fun and energy from practically being on top of each other."

For those who are familiar with the typical high-energy Blue Man Group setup, Traver assures that the Wall Street performance will offer a new crowd dynamic, using improvisation to create what he calls a "more exciting and more organic" experience.

While you're racing from venue to venue to catch your favorite band, try to allot some time to visit Rock Walk at the CityArts Factory. The gallery will feature the work of visual artists whose work has been inspired by music. Rock Walk will showcase a variety of visual art forms, including mixed media, acrylic paintings, live band photography and ink print.

FMF is also home to the Indie Film Jam. This year, FMF attendees have a new wave of features, shorts and music videos to sift through. The screenings are usually followed by a Q-and-A session, inviting festival-goers to interact.

Put on your best "I'm not socially awkward" face and head downtown for a mind-blowing, thought-inspiring festival fueled by Orlando's local talent. It's pretty rare to find concert tickets that don't cost an arm and a leg once you tack on all of the "look at it, smell it and touch it" fees that ticket sellers attach for the supposed trouble they had to go through to print your ticket. FMF is close, it's affordable and it's got something to offer everyone.

The event costs \$10 to \$15 for a day and \$25 for the full three days. For the official schedule of events, head over to www.fmf2008.com.

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For the first time, Blue Man Group and Pras from the Fugees will open and close the Florida Music Festival spanning from today until Saturday; cost is \$15 a day, \$25 for 3 days.

Blood art: a living positive

WHITNEY HAMRICK
Variety Editor

Orlando artist Keith Theriot paints expressionist stream-of-consciousness art using his own HIV-positive blood to create form and perspective.

He uses his personal experience and his experience as a social worker in charge of housing and case management for people with HIV and AIDS as inspiration.

"We have about 16,000 new cases in a four-county area,"

Theriot said. "That's outrageous. We battle between second and third as highest state and this area is second. Sometimes, we tie with Miami."

Theriot got tested in 1989 when he went with a promiscuous friend as moral support. When the test results came back, Theriot was HIV positive and his friend wasn't.

"After getting over the fact that AIDS was going to kill me and it became manageable like diabetes, I decided to create a series of paintings as a celebra-

tion of life and that's where the blood painting came from," Theriot said.

He got the idea to use blood in his artwork after pricking his finger on a staple while unstretching a canvas.

"I was getting pretty sick at the time, and that's when I had the epiphany that it's killing, but it's keeping me alive and so I did this rather dramatic thing with blood in 1992," Theriot said.

Theriot created a studio in

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Keith Theriot sits on the paint-splattered floor of his home studio. Theriot's recent collection exhibits women in inkwash, charcoal, and Theriot's HIV positive blood.

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An Afro-urban mix of music

AMANDA K. SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

Creating music is a tangible form of self expression that grants musicians the freedom to exercise their passion. For K-G and The Band, their music is the all-encompassing culmination of each member's life experiences and diverse culture is strung together by notes and words, creating powerful and poetic melodies.

K-G's seemingly unoriginal use of "The Band" to describe his accompanying musicians was fully intentional. "The band refers to anyone who plays with me on stage," K-G said. "It can be anywhere, anytime. K-G and The Band can

show up with 10 people or two people. I just want commitment. That way, when we show up, people are not worried about who is in the band, but what the band stands for."

Each member adds something crucial to the group dynamic, helping to create the "Afro-urban" genre that K-G coined.

"I came up with the term Afro-urban because I'm an African in an urban setting," K-G said. "What is coming out is what I listened to as an African child, and now I'm an African man. I grew up in an urban setting in Kenya. Most people think I climb trees and grew up around lions. I'd never seen a lion in my life unless I went to

the zoo. I am very urbanized. I have political messages that I need to get out about love, peace, the plight of mankind, women and children."

K-G grew up in Kenya, leaving in 2001 when his family decided to move to America to be closer to relatives. K-G and The Band started as a new project when K-G and his brother Phillip came down from Rhode Island to attend Full Sail. There, in the depths of Africa, K-G worked diligently to bring music to Kenya while he sang with an a cappella style doo-wop group.

K-G and The Band use their performances to bring awareness to issues. For example, they promote Rock for Hunger,

a nonprofit UCF student-based organization dedicated to fighting poverty in Orlando.

"The same thing I was trying to do for Kenya I can now do in Orlando," K-G said. "Rock for Hunger is so close to me. I know how it feels to go without food for days, no clean water, no electricity. I've seen it. I've lived it. I would not be able to bring out something different in my music. I can't not sing about what I know. I can only sing what I've lived. What you experience is what you need to express, and nothing less."

K-G does not view himself as good an instrumentalist as anyone in his band, but he looks at each instrument as if they are vocal parts. He insists



PHOTO COURTESY CHUCK KONEFES AND CHRIS MAGRUDER
K-G sings his Afro-collaborative sounds with his ensemble bandmates in downtown Orlando, utilizing the experience and musical inspiration of his fellows to express his groove.

on being able to sing each instrument's melody as it would sound when it's being played. His goal is to be able to write lyrics knowing that the melody is backing him up as a vocalist.

"I wanted a situation where I could mix my heritage and way of living in my music," K-G said. "I try to instill that in K-G and The Band, but the band is not from Kenya so they do not play as a Kenyan musician would.

Still, it makes the music worldly and eclectic — a little bit of rock, a little bit of funk. The secret is the blending of diverse cultures within the band."

K-G and The Band have two releases available for purchase on iTunes. The band is currently working on an album that will be released in 2009. Be sure to catch the band live at The Social with Laura Reed and G-RO on July 5 at 9 p.m.

Metal heads find metal dead in Orlando

LINDSEY TURNBULL
Contributing Writer

Lines of black-and-denim clad metal heads wrapped around the small St. Petersburg block. There I stood, at the gates of Jannus Landing, awaiting the Legions of the Chosen Few Tour outdoor show — my fourth metal show in three days.

That night, Keep of Kalessin, Behemoth and Dimmu Borgir took the stage.

In order to find this jackpot of a metal bender, I needed to leave Orlando. Finding metal in Orlando is hard work, according to Laura Kinnell, who saw the Dimmu Borgir show in Fort Lauderdale.

"Most bands skip Orlando due to lack of turnout," Kinnell said. "If they can't make gas money, it's not worth the drive. Plus there's no venue that's the right size for a

band like Dimmu."

Kinnell and her partner Rob Gallagher own Centrafuge, a metal store based out of Sanford Flea World. Kinnell grew up in Orlando loving metal, making her an authority of Orlando metal.

"We travel to shows a lot," Gallagher said. "We traveled to Dimmu, Symphony X [and] Doro in St. Pete. Next week we will go to Virginia for Candlemass and Seminole for Death Angel."

Three of the four shows were held in Tampa; however, standing at the gates of Jannus Landing, seeing the lights dim made me feel like the road trip was all worth it.

A diverse crowd of people from Orlando, Tampa and as far as Port St. Lucie milled around.

"It was an even mix of people, different ages, different styles," said Ashiq Ricker, a 20-year-old Brandon resident. "I have never seen so many people at a show, except Ozzfest."

No venue in Orlando could house a show of this magnitude. This show required three things: a big stage, a projection screen and a huge floor space.

Chords reverberated off the surrounding buildings as

countless sound techs tried to perfect the sound. Multicolored lights flickered as the stage hands set the mood.

Images flashed across a projection screen, the crowd erupted in cheers and horns flew into the air as Norway's Keep of Kalessin took the stage. The mosh pits began as Keep hammered through "Crown of the Kings" and a new song off of their upcoming album, "Kolossus."

"Keep of Kalessin was my favorite band of the night," Kinnell said.

Chants of "One more!" rang out as techs tore down Keep's drum kit and amps, but Keep's time expired.

As Nergal of Behemoth stepped on the stage, the crowd erupted in cheers. During the set, the crowd moved forward, trying to catch the fake blood Nergal spit out.

"Behemoth is amazing, so powerful, so brutal," Ricker said. "They're intense, like they gathered us there to start a war for them. They took the cake by playing 'Conquer All' and 'Slaves Shall Serve.'"

The crowd waited 30 minutes for Dimmu. It seemed as if the sound techs teased the

crowd as a bald man in a black jersey checked each guitar, bass, drum kit and vocal microphone.

Images of graveyards and "LEGIONS OF THE CHOSEN FEW" flashed across the projection screen, and as the anticipation swelled, the crowd begged for the symphonic black metal of Dimmu. Shagrath, Silenoz, Galder, Tony, ICS Vortex and Mustis took the stage, and the crowd responded favorably.

Moshers and head-bangers collided as soon as Dimmu's set kicked off.

"A Succubus in Rapture" is dedicated to all the pretty women in the crowd," said singer Shagrath of Dimmu. All the pretty women screamed.

"I stood by the speaker; it was loud, but I could understand it," said Richard Countryside, a student at Valencia Community College.

"We had a three-hour trip, but it was definitely worth it," said Countryside. "I'm driving the same distance to see Death Angel Wednesday. It'd be a lot easier if the shows were in Orlando."

The show made the \$24 ticket price and the across-state drive worthwhile.

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Vesta prioritizes HIV

FROM A9

his Brigadoon Loop home after tearing down a wall. Peeking through the stripped bare wooden frame, splatter trails of blood and paint drip down the formerly white walls to the mock Jackson Pollock coverlet on the floor. Nearby, a hip-high shelf is filled with different-sized cans of paint.

"When I paint, I paint a lot, probably 15 to 20 pieces at a time," Theriot said. "Paint is very expensive. I buy good paint sparingly, but most of this comes from Home Depot or Lowe's, what I call 'oops paint,' the paint people return because it's not the right color. You get these really bizarre colors. I can buy four to five cans of paint for \$25. Otherwise I could not afford to paint as much as I do."

Resting in the spotlight sits Vesta Prioritizes, from his latest exhibition New Blood, which focuses on the issue of women with HIV. Vesta, a vestal virgin goddess protecting households and families, stands with her back arched to the right as a stork delivers an unborn child. He decided to create a series about women because he feels society is very close-minded when it comes to AIDS and who has it.

"Women have always had AIDS," Theriot said. "Women generally don't infect other women with AIDS; usually it's from trusting partners. I have witnessed a lot of domestic violence issues related to it because when a woman may suspect that a partner is not faithful or not monogamous, you get into the argument when you demand they use a condom. It's almost like they can't protect themselves ... It was just something that was heavy on my mind, so the theme became women."

Theriot pulls a vial of blood with the purple tip from the pinky finger of a latex glove. "I get blood work done every three to six months,"

Theriot said. "It's the kind of paint that replenishes itself."

The month-old blood congeals, clinging to the vial's glass, reflecting no light.

"I usually keep the blood in the refrigerator," Theriot said. "Once the virus is outside of the body for more than 24 hours, it dies."

To use the blood, Theriot adds water to the vial, dips a paintbrush and splatters the blood across a piece of paper pinned to the wall.

"This is how the paintings start," Theriot said. "There's really not that much to it and then I'll add something and then it will start to come out as what it is ... The paint definitely tells me what to do ... I don't try to make it anything. The thing about when you do a stream of consciousness, it's going to tell stories hidden back there somewhere. It's an amalgamation of everything from my past from wherever my experiences are ... None of it is intentional, you can think of it in however way you want, but that's how I got the title, Vesta Prioritizes, because if she's going to remain a virgin, the baby can be nothing more than an idea."

Theriot enjoys the reactions people have toward his art. During his first exhibit, titled Bio-hazardous Material, all the paintings rested behind glass. When people would find out how the paintings were made, they would jump back away from the piece as if it were exuding AIDS.

"You can touch AIDS-painted blood, it's not going to hurt you," Theriot said. "The term AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Disorder, acquired meaning you have to do something in order to get it. It doesn't jump off of people. You have to acquire it to get it ... When you meet people that are HIV positive, you learn that they are still people. There is nothing different about them."

To view his art, go to: www.keiththeriot.com.



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Keith Theriot holds a vial of his blood that he keeps in the back of his refrigerator.

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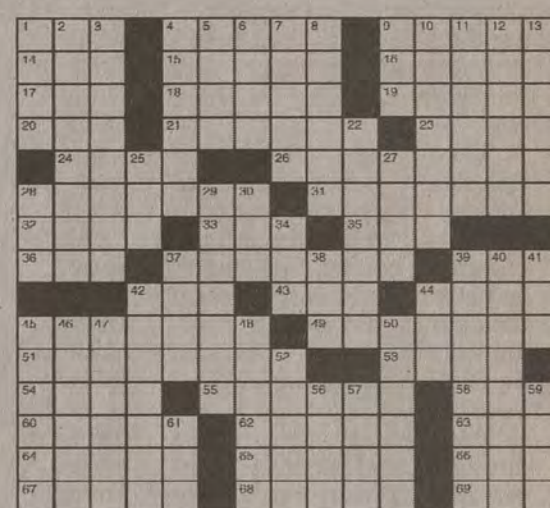
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